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**AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADVANCED DENTAL HYGIENE  
PRACTICE PILOT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section: (1)  
2       "Advanced dental hygiene practitioner" means a licensed dental  
3       hygienist who (A) is authorized to perform all services set forth in  
4       section 20-126l of the general statutes, pursuant to a collaborative  
5       management agreement, and (B) has presented documentation to the  
6       Commissioner of Public Health establishing that the licensed dental  
7       hygienist has graduated from a master's degree program in advanced  
8       dental hygiene practice from an institution of higher learning  
9       accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher Education in  
10      accordance with the provisions of section 10a-34 of the general  
11      statutes. Any such master's degree program accredited by the Board of  
12      Governors of Higher Education shall include a curriculum that  
13      incorporates advanced dental hygiene practice competencies as  
14      adopted by the American Dental Hygienists' Association; (2)  
15      "collaborative management agreement" means a written agreement  
16      between an advanced dental hygiene practitioner and a dentist,  
17      licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 379 of the  
18      general statutes, that outlines a mutually agreed upon relationship in  
19      which the advanced dental hygiene practitioner and the dentist agree  
20      to the parameters of practice provided by such advanced dental

21 hygiene practitioner; and (3) "public health facility" means an  
22 institution, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, a  
23 community health center, group home, school, preschool operated by a  
24 local or regional board of education, or a head start program.

25 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
26 Commissioner of Public Health, shall establish an advanced dental  
27 hygiene practice pilot program. Under such program, an advanced  
28 dental hygiene practitioner may provide services as described in this  
29 subsection, in public health facilities located in the city of Bridgeport.  
30 The advanced dental hygiene practitioner may:

31 (1) Formulate an individualized care plan based on scientific  
32 rationale, evidence-based standards of care and practice guidelines in  
33 collaboration with the patient and a multidisciplinary health care team;

34 (2) Administer local anesthesia;

35 (3) Diagnose and treat oral diseases and conditions within the  
36 advanced dental hygiene practitioner scope of practice;

37 (4) Provide diagnostic, educational, palliative, therapeutic,  
38 prescriptive and minimally invasive restorative oral health services  
39 including: (A) Preparation and restoration of primary and permanent  
40 teeth using direct placement of appropriate dental materials; (B)  
41 temporary placement of crowns and restorations; (C) placement of  
42 preformed crowns; (D) pulpotomies on primary teeth; (E) direct and  
43 indirect pulp capping in primary and permanent teeth; and (F)  
44 placement of atraumatic temporary restorations;

45 (5) Prescribe, dispense and administer the following drugs within  
46 the parameters of the collaborative management agreement and within  
47 the scope of practice of the advanced dental hygiene practitioner: (A)  
48 Analgesics, (B) anti-inflammatories, and (C) antibiotics;

49 (6) Perform nonsurgical extractions on primary and permanent  
50 teeth that are mobile or exfoliating;

51       (7) Place and remove sutures;

52       (8) Prevent or intercept potential orthodontic problems and  
53       parafunctional habits by early identification of such problems, space  
54       maintenance services and appropriate referral to other health care  
55       professionals;

56       (9) Provide temporary reparative services to patients with defective  
57       prosthetic appliances;

58       (10) Consult, collaborate and coordinate care with other health care  
59       professionals;

60       (11) Provide referrals to patients as needed for further dental  
61       procedures or other health care needs;

62       (12) Utilize emerging technologies in assessment, evaluation,  
63       diagnosis, prognosis, intervention and prevention of disease or  
64       conditions that impair oral or systemic health and wellness; and

65       (13) Use electronic technology to transfer digital radiography,  
66       photography, clinical assessment data and fiber optic imaging in  
67       collaboration with other health care professionals when warranted for  
68       the health of the patient.

69       (c) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
70       designee, shall (1) coordinate the provision of advanced dental  
71       hygienist practitioner services in public health facilities that participate  
72       in the pilot program in the city of Bridgeport; and (2) establish rates of  
73       payment for the provision of such services.

74       (d) A collaborative management agreement entered into in  
75       accordance with the provisions of this section shall be in writing,  
76       signed by the parties to the agreement and maintained by the  
77       advanced dental hygiene practitioner at the public health facility  
78       where such practitioner is providing services and shall be available for  
79       inspection upon the request of the Department of Public Health and

80 the Department of Social Services. A collaborative management  
81 agreement shall minimally include: (1) A description of the  
82 supervisory relationship between the advanced dental hygiene  
83 practitioner and the licensed dentist; (2) specific protocols for  
84 prescribing, administering and dispensing medications, including, the  
85 types of medications to be prescribed, administered and dispensed and  
86 the conditions and circumstances under which such medications are to  
87 be prescribed, dispensed and administered; and (3) an emergency  
88 protocol that addresses situations under which the following shall  
89 occur: (A) Consultation with a licensed dentist or other health care  
90 provider; (B) transfer of patient care to a licensed dentist or other  
91 licensed health care provider; (C) the provision of emergency care; (D)  
92 methods for disclosing the relationship covered by such agreement to  
93 the patient; and (E) methods for reviewing patient outcomes.

94 (e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to: (1) Allow an advanced  
95 dental hygiene practitioner to practice beyond the parameters of the  
96 collaborative management agreement with the collaborating licensed  
97 dentist; or (2) prevent a licensed dentist from providing advanced  
98 dental hygiene practice services.

99 (f) Each advanced dental hygiene practitioner, who provides direct  
100 patient care services as part of the pilot program shall maintain  
101 professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for  
102 professional malpractice. The amount of insurance that each such  
103 person shall carry as insurance or indemnity against claims for injury  
104 or death for professional malpractice shall not be less than five  
105 hundred thousand dollars for one person, per occurrence, with an  
106 aggregate of not less than one million five hundred thousand dollars.

107 (g) Each insurance company that issues professional liability  
108 insurance, as defined in subsection (b) of section 38a-393 of the general  
109 statutes, shall, on and after January 1, 2013, render to the  
110 Commissioner of Social Services a true record of the names of persons  
111 issued professional liability insurance for the practice of advanced  
112 dental hygiene, of cancellations of and refusals to renew such

113 professional liability insurance policies and the reasons for such  
114 cancellations or refusal to renew said policies for the year ending on  
115 the thirty-first day of December next preceding.

116 (h) The pilot program shall commence on or before January 1, 2013,  
117 and shall terminate not later than January 1, 2014.

118 (i) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
119 Commissioner of Public Health, shall report, in accordance with  
120 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of  
121 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
122 health and human services not later than July 1, 2014, concerning the  
123 results of such pilot program. The report shall include, but not be  
124 limited to: (1) Recommendations to expand the pilot program to other  
125 geographic areas of the state; (2) a timeline for expansion of the pilot  
126 program; and (3) recommendations for policies and procedures to  
127 permit advanced dental hygiene practitioners to provide the services  
128 described in subsection (b) of this section on a state-wide basis.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*